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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

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The contest now going on in the House promises to be one of the most remarkable in its history. A number of the Republicans fully appreciate the situation of affairs, and are evidently determined, as far as legislation can do it, to protect the rights of the colored people by the passage of the Civil Rights Bill. In accordance with arrangements previously made, Mr. Butler, last Wednesday, immediately after the reading of the minutes, got the floor, and reported the famous bill. At once, the Democrats were on their feet, and then began a series of dilatory motions on each of which, the yeas and nays were demanded. At about midnight of that day, the yeas and nays were called for the twenty-second time. At this time it was discovered certain names were recorded, and that none of them were present. This was soon settled and the play went on. The galleries had quite a number of spectators, and next day it was noticed by the police there were but few lodgers in the various station houses—the usual lodgers taking advantage of the night sessions to sleep on the soft cushioned seats. In the corridors the messengers and doorknobs who were on duty had settled themselves down for comfortable positions, calmly awaiting results. Finally, the Democrats decided they would stay until the 4th of March, if possible, before any action should be taken on the bill. They also agreed to have relief parties, and one-third of them went off for rest. The Republicans had agreed to a like arrangement, and spared thirty for a few hours.

For the past week constant dilatory motions have been made by the Democrats, only for the purpose to delay legislation. This two-third rule idea by which all this is occasioned is entirely folly and anti-democratic, and has never yet been used except in an aggressive spirit. That a majority should not rule in all cases, and especially in such as involve a great national question is the weakest sort of logic. The effect of the two-third rule is now seen with a Republican majority. The Democratic party is controlling its legislation, and under the spur of their leaders the Speaker's table has become so overburdened with business that the probabilities are that only such will be reached as will suit the caprice of the minority. It is a sorry spectacle to see a great organization like the Republican party spirited away for the want of a little leadership.

Although but a few weeks are left for this Congress, our people in this District show the most lamentable indifference for our financial future, and it really begins to look as if the only question of any consideration to them is the privilege of the elective franchise, whereas our enormous debt meets with no thought whatever. There may be more ability to pay this debt than we know of, but unless we greatly mistake the situation, should Congress adjourn without making some other provision for it than that of taxing our people, we will be the worst off of any class of people in the country, and about as near subjects of charity as some of the gaudier sections of the west.

It is evident that the present Commissioners will continue as officers of the District, because of the great diversity of opinions as to which of the several bills presented to the Senate for our form of Government, is the best.

The fact that Senator Conkling was to address the Senate on the Louisiana question had the effect of bringing together the largest audience which has graced the galleries this session, and the compliment thus extended him must have given additional zest to his speech. The scene was well worth witnessing. In the galleries not a seat was vacant, and even the steps were occupied. In the ladies' gallery, row after row of hand-somely dressed women formed a marked contrast to the opposite side, occupied by males. On the floor the entire space outside of the seats was filled with chairs, occupied by members of Congress and others, including Senators Belknap and Robeson. The chair of every Senator was occupied by its owner, and from first to last Mr. Conkling received the most respectful attention. The central figure of the scene was the Senator as he arose, and in his graceful, dignified manner began his address which was alike worthy of himself and the occasion. Gifted to an unusual degree with the power of sarcasm, he used that effective weapon with success during the entire speech. In his defense of Sheridan, speaking of Bayard's statement that he was unfit to breathe the free air of a Republic, he said when the children of this Republic became so degenerate as to think that of Sheridan, then it was time to burn all the records of our country, to dance on the tomb at Mount Vernon, and tear down the obelisk of Bunker Hill. He also declared that he felt the same reverence for the legal opinion of Mr. Thurman that a Mussulman did for his Mecca.

The speech abounded in many telling points, and was frequently met with applause and laughter which could not be suppressed. In speaking of Andrew Johnson and his return to the Senate, the people think there will be lively times. He always was gallorous, and now with age upon him it is safe to say the Senators will be afflicted worse than in the days of gabby Garret Davis. Every Senator will have engraved on the back of his card the familiar coffin in black, showing the fate of the man who was talked to death.

On entering the Senate Mr. Johnson will find there twelve Senators who voted "yea" on the Impeachment occasion: Messrs. Anthony, Cameron, Conkling, Crain, Edmunds, Ferry, Frelinghuysen, Howe, the two Morris, Morton and Sherman.

Gen. B. Roberts, well known here, and who was the principal witness against Fitz John Porter, died on Monday.

VINCENT.

Hair-pins.

The Jersey City Journal is responsible for the following: Wonders will never cease. The Abattoir in this city has furnished the latest and by no means the least. Saturday morning last John Mahan, one of the cattle butchers at the Abattoir, slaughtered a fine, plump but look, which had not the slightest symptoms of disease, nor did he appear to be suffering the least inconvenience from anything inside of him. The carcass was duly dressed for market, and the butcher turned his attention to the balance of the "critter," and on attempting to cut into the stomach the knife came in contact with something that took off the edge like stone. After various sharpenings and cuttings the stomach was laid open, and a large handful of hairpins was taken out. The butcher called to his comrades announcing the discovery, and he was surrounded by a hundred curious spectators. Superintendent N. R. Fowler made a closer investigation, which resulted in finding about five hundred hairpins mixed with the undigested food in the animal's stomach. The pins were not corroded, and it appears that the bullock had but recently partaken of his metallic meal or dessert. Many were bent, but none of them appeared to have been chewed as a meal, but to have been swallowed in a meal. Mr. Fowler made a further search, in the hope of finding a clasp, a bangle, or a visiting card, by which the owner of the pins might be identified. As the Superintendent had an idea that the bullock had devoured some young lady who was dressed for a ball, church or the theatre; but if so, she had been digested, and there was nothing left but the hairpins to tell the tale. The bullock was raised in West Virginia, and should any young ladies be missing from that vicinity or along the line of the railroad hither the last moment of her may be recovered on application to Superintendent Fowler, who will furnish all the information in his power. Perhaps it was a hair-pin peddler who was eaten up.

A Washington Correspondent of the *Home Journal* writes: A charity entertainment was recently given, at which several tableaux were shown, among others a scene from the "Winter's Tale," and there has been much gossip and comment about the lady who represented "Hermione," the statue. She is a young wife, who has a great deal of a career before marriage, stormy times afterwards, and is now divorced. She shocked the delicacy of the audience by her close resemblance to a male statue, and also bending towards the husband from whom she has for years separated. Mr. Fredrick read the part very finely, but although the audience had been loaned in their applause of every other scene, they rebuked the indecent lady by perfect silence.

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